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1. DR. W. R. MARTIN, CANADIAN COMMISSIONER TO IWC HAS ADVISED ECON COUNSELOR THAT CANADA WILL SUPPORT U.S. PROPOSAL FOR 10-YEAR MORATORIUM. LIKE U.S., HOWEVER, CANADA DOES NOT EXPECT MORATORIUM PROPOSAL TO SUCCEED AND THEREFORE WILL BE PREPARED TO WORK WITH U.S. AND OTHERS TO FIND FORMULA WHICH WILL BE MORE GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE.

2. MARTIN COMMENTED THAT FROM STRICTLY SCIENTIFIC STANDPOINT BLANKET MORATORIUM DID NOT MAKE SENSE BECAUSE THERE ARE LARGE VARIETY OF SPECIES AND ONLY SOME OF THEM ARE ENDANGERED. HE ALSO SAID HE QUESTIONED FEASIBILITY 50 PERCENT TRIGGER FOR AUTOMATIC MORATORIUM BECAUSE OF DIFFICULTY ESTABLISHING BASES FOR MEASUREMENT. HE THOUGHT THAT BEST APPROACH MIGHT BE TO APPLY QUOTAS DESIGNED TO MOVE WHALING TOWARD OPTIMUM SUSTAINED YIELD; FOR SOME SPECIES, QUOTA COULD BE ZERO (I.E. IN EFFECT, A MORATORIUM) WHICH WOULD OBVIOUSLY BE WAY TO BUILD STOCKS UP MOST RAPIDLY.

3. MARTIN WILL BE IN LONDON FOR COMMISSION MEETING AND LOOKS FORWARD TO MEETING WITH U.S. DEL. PORTER

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